

OBEY ANNOUNCES RECOVERY ACT FUNDING FOR WATER SYSTEM PROJECT IN GILMAN

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WASHINGTON, D.C.— Seventh District Congressman Dave Obey (D-WI) today announced federal funding of a project in Gilman, Wisconsin designed to protect public health by improving water quality and public sanitation services. This project, one of 60 announced nationwide, is funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Act). As Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, Obey was a lead author of the Recovery Act.

“Communities can’t grow and they can’t provide decent job opportunities without strong community infrastructure such as good sewer and water systems,” said Obey. “Investments like these are important because not only do they improve water quality and put people to work, but they allow small communities like Gilman to grow and help ease the squeeze on local ratepayers at the same time.”

The federal investment in the Village of Gilman includes a \$155,000 grant and \$550,000 low-interest loan. Funds will be used for construction of a new 100,000 gallon elevated water storage tank, replacing the current 70-year old, 44,000 gallon tower. The new structure will be a critical component of the community water system. The project is expected to be completed next year.

The funding announced today is being administered by USDA Rural Development's Water and Environmental Program which provides loans and grants to ensure that the necessary investments are made in water and wastewater infrastructure to deliver safe drinking water and protect the environment in rural areas. To date, USDA has announced \$2.3 billion in Recovery Act funds for water and environmental projects. The Recovery Act was signed into law by President Obama one year ago.

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